



Dear Administrator,

The 2022 National Tournament will take place June 12-17 in Louisville, Kentucky. The National Tournament is the pinnacle of public speaking and has been hosted by the National Speech & Debate Association for over 90 years. The event is an approved student contest by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, meaning it meets high standards for educational value and organizational structure. It offers students an unparalleled platform to share their stories and speak about important topics. For many, it is a highlight of their high school experience and a unique opportunity to positively represent their school at the highest level of competition.

In-person competition opportunities are vitally important to the sustainability of speech and debate programs, and we are confident that with the help of medical experts at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Global Center for Health Security, we will host an event that prioritizes safety and gives students an invaluable opportunity to have their voices heard.

Masks are required when indoors at all tournament venues. All individuals attending any portion of the National Tournament are required to be fully vaccinated and up-to-date on their vaccinations against COVID-19 per the CDC definitions. Medical and religious exemption applications are available. We will partner with VaccineCheck, a HIPAA compliant third-party platform, for attendees to upload required documentation. Each individual attendee will receive an email inviting them to enter their details independently and be contacted by us directly with status updates. This process is designed to protect privacy by collecting vaccination information or exemption applications directly from each individual attendee with no coach involvement.

Our policies were thoughtfully considered based on expert guidance and are final. To learn more or read our full health and safety procedures, please visit [www.speechanddebate.org/nationals](http://www.speechanddebate.org/nationals). We hope your students will join us in Louisville.

Sincerely,

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